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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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The Three Crosses

BY B. F. DOTSON, D.D.

Three crosses stood on Calvary's hill,
Surrounded by a mob,
Two crosses bore two dying thieves,
And one the Lamb of God.

Two crosses bore two dying thieves,
Who justly suffered shame,
The one cross bore God's sacrifice,
The Lamb for sinners slain.

One thief received the dying Lamb,
Repented of his sin,
The other thief refused to hear,
And did not enter in.

The Truth About The SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

BY REV. WILLIAM FOX

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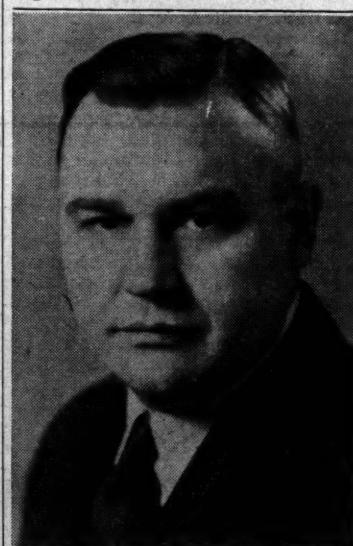
Jesus said, "Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be" (Rev. 22:12).

Why the Second Coming of Christ Is Unpopular

We are fully aware that this is not a popular subject with some preachers and with many of our churches today. But Christians are not surprised at that for at least two reasons. First, because there is not a subject in all the Bible more intensely hated by the devil than that of the second coming of Christ. Therefore, it is most natural that he should do all he can to keep it from the people. He knows that the coming of Christ means the end of his wicked rulership among the nations of the earth. No matter which way we turn we can see the work of Satan in the world today. "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost! In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not" (II Cor. 4:3, 4). The devil hates this subject because he knows it is only thru Christ's second coming that the world will know war no more. Second, we find that those who are living in sin and worldliness do not care to be reminded that Jesus Christ may come at any moment. This subject makes them most uncomfortable indeed. They are not so much disturbed by the thought of death, for they are not expecting to die soon, but when Christ comes back the second time it is different. Because of their sins and the life they are living, they do not like to think He may come this very hour—this very moment. "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him; and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen" (Rev. 1:7).

The Fact of Christ's Second Coming

The greatest event that will ever take place in the history of this world will be the personal return of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore we should not be surprised to find much of the Bible given over to its consideration. The second coming of Christ is mentioned over 300 times in the New Testament, on an average of one out of 25 verses from Matthew to Revelation. There are more than 350 distinct prophecies in the Old and New Testaments relating to Christ's second coming. For each time the atone-



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ment is mentioned once, the second coming is spoken of twice. For each time the first coming is mentioned once, the second coming is mentioned eight times. In the Old Testament, 36 prophets speak of the second coming. Paul mentioned baptism 15 times, but he mentioned the second coming 55 times. Remember Jesus said, "I will come again" (John 14:3).

The Nature of Christ's Second Coming

According to the teachings of Christ and His apostles, including the prophets of God in Old Testament times, the second coming of the Son of God will be personal, literal, corporeal, actual, and real. It will be as visible to the human eye as His ascension was to those who saw Him "taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight" (Acts 1:9). No one can think or speak of the glorious anticipated event as merely figurative, parabolic, impersonal, or spiritual, without violating every principle of correct exegesis and denying the unmistakable testimony of Christ, the heavenly visitors, and every one of the New Testament writers. "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11). When Christ was here on earth He said: "It is I myself:

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Why I am a Christian

BY THE EDITOR

(A letter written in answer to the request of the Intermediate Young People's Society of the Elim Baptist Church, Chicago.)

April 2, 1942
Intermediate Young People's Soc.
Elim Baptist Church
Chicago, Illinois

My dear young Christian Friends:
I was pleased by the letter from your secretary, asking me to tell you why I am a Christian and some of the blessings that have come to me as a Christian.

I. First, I am a Christian because I wanted to miss the torments of Hell. The Bible teaches that "The wicked shall be turned into hell" (Psalm 9:17). I had been warned, from the Bible, many times to "fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matt. 10:28). And Jesus said it is a place "Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched" (Mark 9:44,46,48). How wonderful that now I have everlasting life, my sins are all forgiven, and I am not afraid of going to Hell.

II. Second, I wanted to go to Heaven. I wanted everlasting life. I wanted my sins all forgiven. And when I trusted Christ all this was assured. I have everlasting life, I have passed from death into life and shall never come into condemnation, as Jesus said in John 5:24. Jesus promised that I would have a place in the Father's house

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You Can't Rub Out the Jew

The Jew is often referred to as "The Man Without a Country." From another viewpoint the Jew is the only man on earth who has a country promised to him by the original Creator of all things—a country on this earth forever. On the deed of gifts are the words: "I AM THE ALMIGHTY GOD"—and there is no other nationality that can show such a claim to any portion of the earth. Since the Almighty has spoken and has laid down the boundaries of the land that is to be Israel's, how foolish for the wise of the earth to talk of colonizing them in Madagascar, Australia or Tanganyika.

This by no means signifies that every individual Jew is to have a portion in that promised land, for those who have chosen the way of sin and unbelief have their portion with all others who reject the Lamb of God, but it does mean that "when the Deliverer shall come out of Zion" the remnant from the "time of Jacob's trouble" will have their portion in the land of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and never again shall they be afraid.

No nation can trace its lineage by the clear light of religious history so far back as the Jew. They had literature before most nations had letters, a literature that is today more widely diffused than that of any other people. In comparison with the Jews, the nations making history today are but babies.

Some uninformed Christians today fume because prophetic teachers have so much to say about the

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WHO WILL BE LOST?

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"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19:10.

MODERNISM in the form of New Theology has had its influence on both the use and the meaning of language, rendering some of the most meaningful words quite unpopular and others meaningless. Sin is a word so often employed in Scripture that it takes seven columns in Young's large concordance to print the lines in which it appears.

"Sin" was a term often employed in the 19th Century, and it conveyed no uncertain meaning. It was "the transgression of the law," especially the law of God. As Joseph Parker of The City Temple once put it, "It was a blow in the face of God."

"Lost" was in equally common use fifty years ago, and men feared and shuddered at its employment, for it hinted at eternal doom for the soul.

"Hell" suggested a place of torment, and was not supposed to be over-symbolized by "a lake of fire." Rev. 20:10, 14, 15. Now the average man smiles at each of them.

"Sin" is a misstep in the upward climb. "Lost" is a temporary bewilderment, and "Hell" a domestic disagreement.

On my last trip South I was told a story of a girl who, as a Bible believer, was uncertain about her sweetheart, because he did not accept all that she received as true, and so she said to her mother: "I don't think I'll marry him. You know he doesn't believe in hell." To which her mother replied:

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MAKEUP AND PERMANENT WAVES? CHURCH SUPPERS? IS IT WRONG TO KISS?

A YOUNG WOMAN'S QUESTIONS ANSWERED

QUESTION 1: What do you think about a Christian using make-up and permanent waves?"

ANSWER: The Bible does not have a clear statement either against make-up or against permanent waves. However, there are some general rules to follow. One is that a woman should not make her dress, or jewelry, or the way she arranges her hair her adornment (I Peter 3:3). The Bible does not say it is wrong to plait the hair, but that the plaiting of the hair should not be a Christian woman's adornment. She should expect her real beauty to be in a meek and quiet spirit, a matter of the heart. So do not be vain and do not give too much attention to the matter of your looks.

Again, I think a Christian woman should be careful not to pattern too much after the world. My own

conviction is that most make-up is artificial and looks unnatural and does not contribute to real beauty. It is merely a fad of people who are worldly-minded and trying to keep up with the whims of the world. So while I do not think there is necessarily any harm in waving the hair after a natural fashion or in powdering the face, I think that painting the lips and finger nails and painting the face seems unnatural and gives the impression that one is following after the world. At least the best Christians that I know do not use lipstick and rouge and do not paint the finger nails. Some other good women do, but naturally some people feel that they are patterning pretty closely after the worldly crowd.

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Jews. That is because they know not their Bibles. The Jew is the key to prophecy and all prophecy is ultimately concerned with the Jews.

When we speak of the Jews we are speaking of a people that had their origin in a miracle. From 90-year-old Sarah, sterile and past hope, was born Isaac; from Isaac came Jacob, and from Jacob the twelve tribes of Israel. In the course of natural events, Isaac could not have been. By the power of God he came into being, and from that point, a nation clothed in the supernatural stood up on its feet and began its strange march down the centuries. (Gen. 12:1-4).

No other nation of history has had such manifest and visible tokens of the Divine presence. For them the Red Sea was driven back and the Jordan parted. They were miraculously fed in the wilderness, sheltered and guided by the Divine Pillar of Fire. For them the sun and moon were stayed in their courses that their enemies might be put down. They began as a miracle, and their endurance to this hour is a miracle.

During the 30 centuries of her existence, Jewry has been perpetually stumbling on the verge of the abyss of annihilation, yet always had she recovered her footing and in the hour when nations worked hardest to wipe them out, they multiplied more rapidly than ever. Why? The Word of God has the only answer, and whether some like it or not, stern facts prove the Bible true.

Like it or not—their preservation is the miracle of history.

Like it or not, the number of eminent Jews in the world is and has always been out of all proportion to their population. And not because they have plotted to put themselves in places of eminence, but because of sheer brilliance and application. Their positions on the faculties of universities are awarded by competitive examinations, where names are not even signed to the papers, yet under these conditions, they have won out in outstanding proportion.

Jealous as we may feel, the fact is that most of us are greatly indebted to Jews. It was Jewish money that financed Christopher Columbus and made possible the discovery of this country. It was Jewish money that carried it thru the Revolutionary War. Hyam Salomon was the Jewish broker who almost single handedly carried Jefferson, Monroe and Madison thru the day of their financial difficulties, bringing America to victory. Rarely did Salomon ask interest on his loans, and frequently he made loans knowing he could never be repaid. He died in squalor, his lungs choking with tuberculosis. Nothing was done to repay his heirs and nothing to perpetuate his memory.

The number of Jews receiving Nobel prizes is very large, indicating great achievements in science and other worthy causes for the blessing of humanity. Here are some of them:

Bayer — chemistry, 1905; Michelson — physics, 1907; Ehrlich — medicine, 1907; Lippman — physics, 1908; Michtnikoff — medicine, 1908; Heyse — literature, 1910; Wallach — chemistry, 1910; Asser — peace, 1911; Fried — peace, 1911; Barany — medicine, 1914; Wilstaetter — chemistry, 1915; Haber — chemistry, 1918; Einstein — physics, 1921; Bohr — physics, 1922; Meyerhoff — medicine, 1922; Franck — physics, 1925; Bergson — literature, 1928; Landsteiner — medicine, 1930; Warburg — medi-

cine, 1931; Loewi — medicine, 1936; Ossietzky — peace, 1936. Fourteen of these Jews were German Jews and four more Austrian Jews.

In Germany, where Hitler declared the Jew extended a degrading and contaminating influence upon German culture, there have been 38 Nobel laureates (1933). Of these, 11 were Jews, or 29 per cent, about 29 times Jewry's proportionate share as compared to the "Aryan" stocks. In Austria there were six. Of these, three were Jews, or fifty per cent, as contrasted with an Austrian Jewish population of less than 4 per cent.

A Nazi who has syphilis must not allow himself to be cured by salvarsan, because it is the discovery of the Jew, Ehrlich. He must not even take steps to find out whether he has syphilis, because the Wasserman reaction used for the purpose is the discovery of a Jew . . . A Nazi who has heart disease must not use digitalis, whose use in heart diseases was developed by a Jew, Ludwig Trabold. If he has a toothache, he will not be able to use cocaine, for he will be benefitting from the work of a Jew, Solomon Stricker. Typhus must not be treated, for he will have to benefit by the discoveries of Jews, Widall and Weill. If he has diabetes, he must not use insulin, because of the research work of a Jew, Minkowsky. If he has a headache, he must shun pyramidon and antipyrin, discovered by Spiro and Eiloge. Anti-Semites who have convulsions must put up with them, for it was a Jew, Oscar Liebreich, who thought of using chloral hydrate. This is true for psychic ailments, since the Jew, Freud, is the father of psychoanalysis . . .

As a minority group and because they are the one international people, they have been blamed for almost everything, even the black plague of the fourteenth century. In recent years they have been charged with a plot to overthrow all Gentile governments.

And so, down through the history of the world runs this bloody stream of Jewish persecution. A new tide of hate is rising over the earth in our day and the sorrows of the Jew cry to heaven for mercy and judgment. Hatred of them has become a fetish with millions of pagans, and strange to say, some deluded Christians have yielded to the influence of the vicious propaganda of hate.

Everywhere today Jews, whether little children, sick or aged, are insulted, castigated, mutilated and assassinated for having the blood of Jacob in their veins. Many of them find suicide the only way out.

No wonder a great British statesman and educator said recently: "The lights of Europe are going out one by one, the light of culture, learning and human kindness. They are going out because the deified monster, Hitler, is swallowing them."

Those words are exactly in line with the judgments pronounced by the Word of God. The words of Gen. 12:3 have not been abrogated by God. Let all who would persecute the Jew read Jer. 30:11-18. If you think the Jew can be destroyed, read Jer. 31:35-37.

Every Christian with any capacity for spiritual discernment knows that back of hatred of the Jew is Satan himself. If anything proves the existence of a personal devil, anti-Semitism does. Satan knows that Israel gave us the Book he most despises, the Book that foretells his undoing. Satan knows that a Jewish woman gave body to our Lord and Saviour when He came into this world. Satan well knows that the precious blood that flowed for the sinners' cleansing, came from the wounds and opened side of a Jew (Jn. 4:22). Satan knows that the Scepter has not departed from Judah and that it is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah who will yet rule over all the earth.

And Satan knows that nothing so effectively stops the inflow of spiritual blessing into the heart of a Christian as an infection of the virus of Jew-hate. May God fortify the spirit of every reader of these lines against the satanic influences abroad everywhere today, even robbing many a church of Divine blessing!

"The time of Jacob's trouble" comes on apace. It will reach its climax after the rapture of the true church in the culmination of the power of anti-Christ. The Beast will make a desperate effort to exterminate the Jews and will fail. In that day the common lan-

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Jesus said: "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel." (Matt. 15:24).

When Jesus sent forth the twelve He commanded them, saying, "Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." (Matt. 10:6).

The following text brings out the same thought, ". . . This day is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost," i. e.,—the Jew. (Luke 19:9, 10). Zacchaeus was regarded as lost before he came to Christ.

There are a great many people in these days, modernist ministers being leaders, who are trying to impress the public to the contrary. Christ's estimate of the Jew's condition is not their estimate. They think the Jew is safe, and they are quite disposed to defend him against all critics, and to fellowship him on the ground that he has as much right to his religion as Christians have to theirs; that he is, doubtless, just as safe in believing the same as are Christians.

However, the fact remains that Christ, coming into the world by the way of a Jewish woman's womb, counted them a nation lost to God and lost in sin. With the rare exception of the converted Jew Israel is "lost"; and by that we do not mean that she is hid away among the nations; we do mean that she is divorced from God.

"Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father." (I Jn. 2:23).

It may be a shock to certain liberals to say it, but if so, we leave them to quarrel with the Apostle John rather than with us:

"Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son." (I John 2:22). *The Wilful Sinner Is Also Lost*

Among the parables of the New Testament, no one is more suggestive than the parable of the prodigal son, recorded in Luke 15: 11-32. It will be remembered that when he came home, the father, speaking of his former condition, said:

"It was meet that we should be merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again: and was lost, and is found." (Vs. 32).

All will concede that the main point of this great parable is made up of four words—"dead," "lost," "alive," "found."

When was he dead? When was he lost? While away from the father in the far country, in sinful associations—on a swinish level.

Where, then, will you find the lost, tonight, save in the same place and condition? The roadhouses of this beautiful country about our metropolis are filled tonight with the lost; your multiplied saloons number into the thousands in Minneapolis and St. Paul and they are being patronized by the lost, and by the lost only. Your gambling holes, your picture shows, your vile theatres, are jammed with dead men and women; with men and women who are lost; lost to God; lost to morality; lost to a sense of right and wrong; lost in the maelstrom of sin.

A few years ago we had certain intellectuals who started in writing books on psychoanalysis, which was only a new name for sexuality. At the same time they secured, among the professors of the country, intellectual perverts, who took particular pleasure in this branch of learning; and who, in order to satisfy their personal curiosity, under the guise of "scientific research," submitted practically every college girl in the country to a questionnaire dealing with the subjects that would have brought a blush to the face of a nineteenth century harlot, and have excited the violent resentment of and earned a slap in the face by any

guage will be: "Come, let us cut them off from being a nation." At the moment of Israel's extremity, the clouds will part over the Mount of Olives and the Messiah of Israel, our Glorified Lord, will return in mighty power to reign. Anti-Christ and all his forces will be destroyed by the brightness of His appearing.

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virtuous woman of our mothers' day!

We begin now to have the product of such propaganda in a flood of books that put sexuality in tempting perspective, and in the atresia and picture shows they take its most flagrant features, put them on display; and when the newspapers refuse to carry their ads—and even the godless government seeks to censure them—they sow the town with yellow sheets that would stink in hell. Those Minneapolis who have been treated to this advertisement under their front doors recently know of what I am talking; and those who have not, I shall not besmirch by further enlightenment.

It is little wonder that modern education is filling our penitentiaries with its products, and that our schools are becoming increasingly sinks of vice. More and more they belong to the underworld; they are "lost" — hell's manager — administrators! But, as I have said: *The Unbeliever—Jew or Gentile—is Lost.*

The Word is: "He that believeth on Him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (John 3:18).

The liberals of the land have been rather pleased with and proud of the fact that Einstein is placed among the saints over the doorway of the Fosdick-Rockefeller Church of New York City. That fact is a fit symbol of the theological doubts emanating from that pulpit.

E. C. Crocker, sympathetically reviewing Einstein's book, tells us: "To one who accepts the law of cause and effect as governing all that happens, a being who interferes with that law is absolutely impossible. Neither a religion of fear nor a moral-social religion can have any hold upon him; a God Who rewards and punishes is to him unthinkable."

And yet this advocate of uncertain science and practical atheism is given a place among the saints! It is a good thing those saints are only iron figures and lifeless, else they would be justified in putting their fingers over their noses while they quit the enforced company—John, the apostle, leading in the doctrine!

If there is some way of salvation besides the way of faith in Jesus Christ, the world has sought it in vain—even until now. Millions there are who will testify to having engaged long and earnestly in that search, but, failing, turned to Him and instantly discovered what their souls longed for. While looking to others, they were lost; when they looked to Him they were saved!

This leads naturally, then, to the question —

Why Are They Lost?

If it be true, as Jesus Himself taught, that the great multitudes are on the broad way that leadeth to destruction (Matt. 7:13), what placed them there? What keeps them there? Here again the Scriptures are clear:

Men Are Lost Because They Love Sin

"And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." (John 3:19).

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world: If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him, for all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life is not of the Father, but is of the world." (I John 2:15).

Sin beguiles men to deeds of sinfulness! The companion of harlots loses interest in his wife!

It is a strange fact, but a natural effect, that sin makes men and women callous, indifferent even, to all the domestic and social amenities of life.

Only this very week, my wife and I have been in prayer with one of the most godly women I know in the world, whose soul agonizes over her irreligious children. Are they disturbed about their mother's sorrow? Not a whit! Does sleep go from their eyes because hers are wet with tears? No!

There are godly women—members of this church—whose husbands will use even the Lord's Day

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'Best Seller' Says Baptist Paper

We are grateful for a good book review in *The Ohio Independent Baptist* in which the reviewer says that the book, *Bobbed Hair, Bossy Wives, and Women Preachers*, "is destined to be one of the Best Sellers among books for Bible believers." The Believers Bible and Book Company is carrying a series of advertisements of the book in *The Ohio Independent Baptist*; many are buying, and the response to this new book by the editor is most favorable.

The review follows:

"Bobbed Hair, Bossy Wives, Women Preachers"

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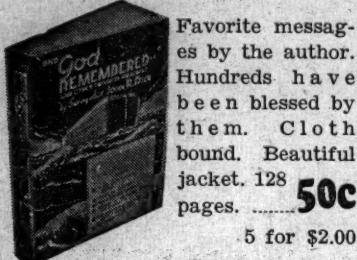
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for sinful dissipations, notwithstanding the sacred pledge made at the marriage altar to "forsake all for her sake, to cleave to her and her only while life shall last." They trample her affections under indifferent feet for lust of liquor or love of harlots, and are in no way moved by the tears of the one woman who risked herself—body and soul—to their care and keeping. Sin is an awful thing.

Kagawa, in his *Religion of Jesus*, teaches that Jesus "apologized to God" for man's sin. That is certainly a milk and water theology; but even that is better than some men do to their wives.

Intellectuals like Sir Oliver Lodge have told the deceived of this generation that "sin is the futile concern of the undeveloped intellects." The man who loves it, and who proposes to be both body and soul in the same, is much obliged to the professor for his destructive definition, but against that definition the Word of God still righteously thunders, "*The soul that sinneth, it shall die.*" (Ezekiel 18:20).

Men Are Lost Because They Are Haters of Holiness

I went, one day, to the window of a railroad office, presented my certificate to secure a clergy ticket for travel, and as the man went about to make out the same, he was cursing between his teeth. I turned to a bystander and asked: "What is the matter with him?"

He smiled and said: "You are a minister, aren't you?"

"Yes," I answered, "I am."

"Well, he hates ministers so much that he curses every time one of their number comes around."

That is a bad state of mind, but not so bad as to hate holiness. A man might dislike ministers and be saved; I don't know; but we have the Word for it that—

"Without holiness no man shall see the Lord." (Heb. 12:14).

The true Christian hates sin and longs to be rid of it, and cheers his soul with the prospect of a spiritual body—not subject to temptation, sin, sickness and death.

But the unregenerate hate holiness instead, have no use for the companionship of those who practice it, and no desire for a personal experience of the same.

Little wonder, then, that one of the tests of a man's regeneracy is at this point:

"We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren . . ." (I John 3:14).

There is no proof of salvation that exceeds that of finding oneself in love with good people, with good things, yea, in love with the character of a Holy God and a Saviour Who "was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." (Heb. 4:15).

Men Are Lost Because They Reject the Christ

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." (John 3:36).

The eternally paramount question is: "What, then, well ye do with Jesus which is called Christ?" That is the eternal question. You must settle it, and there are only two things you can do. One is to accept Him; the other, to reject Him: the first is salvation; the second is damnation.

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seven times in the face. Great scars were ploughed in the flesh. After the Civil War was over he lectured up and down the land, urging the people to forget the past hostilities and become one nation.

There served upon his staff a Colonel Smith who was also wounded at Gettysburg. General Gordon got down from his horse and bore Smith off the field to the emergency hospital, where he was successfully treated that he could join the command as it returned from the engagement.

Smith was so full of hatred for the North that he opposed his old Commander in his reconciliation speeches. In those days the Legislatures of the States selected the Senators, and Smith was in the Georgia Legislature at the time General Gordon became a candidate for the United States Senate.

The vote in the House was a tie when Smith entered the room, and it was known that his vote would settle the question. He made out his ballot against Gordon, and started up to the platform to place the decisive vote thereon and defeat his General of Civil War days.

But just as he came, he looked up on Gordon's face, and he saw those deep scars—seven of them—that had furrowed the otherwise handsome countenance. He stopped; he looked for a minute, earnestly. Then he dropped his head; the tears started from his eyes. He tore up the ballot and made out another, saying: "I cannot vote against the scars!"

My wavering friend, look upon the face of Jesus; study the scars on His hands and feet and side and bleeding brow; then—can you vote against the scars?

(From the booklet *Saved or Lost?* Used by express permission of Zondervan Publishing House, and Dr. W. B. Riley, author.)

A Warning to Radio Listeners

Friends have asked me to warn the readers of *The Sword of the Lord* that the radio program called the "Voice of Prophecy," from Los Angeles on Sunday nights, and broadcast over 89 stations from 7:00 to 7:30 P.M. is a Seventh Day Adventist program. Like some other cults, Seventh Day Adventists do not usually let people know who they are, at first, and often do harm by setting dates for the Lord's return, by teaching that Christians should observe some of the ceremonial laws, should not eat pork, should observe the Jewish Sabbath Saturday, that it is the mark of the beast to observe Sunday, and other foolish and hurtful doctrines contrary to the Scriptures. They sometimes teach salvation partly by works, instead of by grace alone, regard the writing of a certain Mrs. White as inspired like the Bible. There are many good people among them, but their teaching is misleading, especially to uninformed younger Christians.

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Liquor Advertising

Has Become a Scandal

BY SAM MORRIS

There was no high priced, false, liquor advertising during prohibition. You never saw a liquor billboard along the street or highway. You never saw a liquor advertisement in a newspaper or magazine. You never saw the word beer, wine or whisky on the front of any public building. You never saw a neon sign flashing the name of any brand of beer, wine or whisky into the darkness of the night. You never sat by your radio seeking to get the news of important events and had to endure the nauseating palaver and ballyhoo about some brand of brew before the news was given out.

The man or woman who says prohibition didn't prohibit is either blind or dishonest. Today there are twenty-five millions of dollars worth of high priced, false, misleading liquor advertising that was prohibited under prohibition. If the 18th Amendment had done no more good than just what it did by prohibiting liquor advertising alone it did enough good by that one accomplishment that it should have been retained forever.

The Chicago Daily News is not a prohibition paper. It is exactly the opposite. It fights for legalized booze. But even it has become so nauseated that it had to disgorge its contempt for present day booze advertising the other day. It told the brewers and distillers:

"Pipe down. Your propaganda fans the very flames of fear. Cut out these huge advertising budgets, and turn the money over to the U.S.O. Liquor advertising has become a scandal. It gives the prohibitionist propagandists plausible excuse to charge that the liquor traffic is trying to buy the press. The blatant billboard ballyhoo for whiskey became a joke to motorists long since. Now it is an annoying bore, and about to become an irritant—like a red flag to a bull."

—From *The National Voice*

(Sam Morris speaks over XEG—1050 kilocycles, every night at 5:45 and over WOAL—1200 kilocycles, every morning at 5, New Time).

Dr. Ironside on 'The Soul-Winner's Fire'

With blushes (but of pleasure) from the editor, we give here Dr. H. A. Ironside's review of the editor's book *The Soul-Winner's Fire* in *Moody Church News*.

"The Soul-Winner's Fire. By Evangelist John R. Rice. Colportage Series. 128 pages. Paper covers. 20c.

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BOOK REVIEW

"THE LIFE THAT I NOW LIVE"

A pamphlet of seventy-eight pages by Rev. Albert Rust, of Corwith, Iowa. A treatise on Christian ethics. The five chapters are: *The Definition*, *The Decadance*, *The Decalogue*, *The Defense*, and *The Dynamics of Christian Ethics*. The booklet is scriptural and very helpful. There is a fine discussion of the ten commandments as the basis of morals. The application to the problems of modern life and amusements are very good. We recommend the book. Order from the author at twenty-five cents a copy.

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Mission Work at Rio Grande City, Texas, Prospering

Our brother, Rev. L. O. Engelmann, is pastor and missionary at the First Baptist Church, Rio Grande City, Texas. Most of the population is Mexican, but there is also an army post with about 1800 soldiers without a Y.M.C.A., a U.S.O. or a library. In the last sixty-two weeks the little mission church has baptized sixty-six new converts, and a good many others have made open profession of faith in Christ. Brother Engelmann and the little church are planning to build a small building for the use of the soldiers, for reading, orderly games, and writing, and for worship and teaching. They have nowhere to go to write a letter, or to meet Christian friends. The Baptist Mission Board will pay a little on the expense of the building, and the mission church hopes to raise in its own membership most of the expense.

This earnest soul winner is doing a fine work, with the help of his loyal wife, on that needy field. We are specially grateful for souls being saved all along, both English-speaking and Spanish-speaking people.

The missionary pastor is finding the stereoptican and loudspeaker system donated by Christian friends a great help. They really need a mimeograph. If any reader could donate a mimeograph machine or send some money to be used for this purpose, it would be gratefully received and promptly acknowledged. Or if any one wishes to help on the few hundreds of dollars needed on the building for the care of soldier boys, where good Christian men and women will meet them, talk to them about the Lord, and give them a little home environment under definitely Christian auspices, you may either send it direct to Rev. L. O. Engelmann, Rio Grande City, Texas, or send it to *The Sword of the Lord* to forward for you.

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Pastor Lennard Darbee of the Gatewood Baptist Church, in Seattle, Washington, writes,

"Our entire Sunday School staff here has been supplied with your paper. Evangelism, like measles, is caught, not taught; and *The Sword of the Lord* is contagious in that respect. I know of no finer paper to put into the hands of church workers.

Second Coming of Christ

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handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have" (Luke 24:39).

The Second Coming of Christ and Real Christian Experience

The second coming of Christ is the one great event, if believed, which will produce the greatest Christian experience in the life of every believer. For the truth includes every fundamental doctrine in the Bible, every sublime promise, every radiant hope, giving inspiration to every practical exhortation, and furnishing the basis of apostolic appeal to the highest type of Christian living.

The second coming of our Lord is bound up with the exhortation to live a holy life. For if the confession of our lips be the expression of our hearts, then there must be the hearty turning away from the old life, or "fruits meet for repentence." The endeavor to live this life finds its appeal in the fact of our Lord's second coming. As it is written: "I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Thess. 5:23).

The second coming of our Lord is bound up with the exhortation to abide in Him. For nothing could be more shameful than to profess His name, stand for the faith, and then be filled with doubt, with uncertainty, once true to Him and then false, falling away, and making ourselves stumbling blocks to others. Therefore the Bible says: "And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming" (I John 2:28).

Christ's Coming Linked with Every Bible Command

The second coming of our Lord is bound up with practically every exhortation to Christian obligation, service and character. It is bound up with the exhortation to meet together on the Lord's Day: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Heb. 10:25). It is bound up with the exhortation to break bread at the table of our Lord: "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come" (I Cor. 11:26). It is bound up with the exhortation to love God: "And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting of Christ" (II Thess. 3:5). It is bound up with the exhortation to love one another: "The Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another . . . to the end he may establish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints" (I Thess. 3:12, 13). It is bound up with the exhortation to patience: "Be patient, therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord . . . Be ye also patient; establish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh" (James 5:7, 8). It is bound up with the exhortation to pastoral fidelity: "Feed the flock of God which is among you . . . and when the chief Shepherd (pastor) shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away" (I Pet. 5:2, 4). The second coming of Christ is bound up with the comfort and great hope of the resurrection of the dead and living in Christ: "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the

Youth's Corner

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a woman ought to have long hair, and not have it cut (I Corinthians chapter 11, verses 1-16). And if you have long hair you can dress it nicely without waves, and in fact, I think you will not feel the need of any permanent waves.

I think a Christian woman should dress neatly, and try to be attractive, but that she should not have her mind set too much on her looks and that she ought not to specially try to keep up with all the silly fads of style.

QUESTION 2: "Is it wrong to have suppers in the church?"

ANSWER: Not necessarily. A number of places in the New Testament indicate that the Christians in Bible times often ate together. It is nice for Christians to eat together and thank God together and enjoy sweet fellowship. But we should remember that eating and drinking is never the main thing. The main thing is serving God, preaching the Word, getting souls saved. To put eating and drinking first in the church would be as wicked as putting eating and drinking first in the home, instead of serving God.

An entirely different matter is where suppers in the church are used to make money. I think that is contrary to the spirit of the New Testament. God has planned a way for the expenses of the churches to be met, by the tithes and free-will offerings of His people. To do away with God's plan and put on bazaars and rummage sales and suppers brings the church into disrepute and does great harm, I think. I believe it is wrong for churches to use these unscriptural ways of making money for the church.

Of course an individual Christian may do anything that is honorable to make money, and then may give the money to the church; but churches ought not to be in the money-making business, in my humble opinion.

QUESTION 3: "Is it wrong to kiss?"

ANSWER: I take it for granted that you mean is it wrong for young people, unmarried, to kiss each other. I answer that I think young people who are engaged to be married might sometimes kiss; and I think it is all right, under proper circumstances, for people who are related by close ties of blood or marriage to kiss in greeting. But promiscuous kissing of young people on dates, when they do not specially love each other and do not plan to marry each other

Lord . . . For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words" (I Thess. 4:14-18).

The second coming of our Lord is bound up with the doctrine and promise of rewards: "Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be" (Rev. 22:12). "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course. I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (II Timothy 4:7, 8).

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er is likely to do great harm. In such cases a kiss arouses a desire for more. A kiss was intended by the Lord to be an act of love. When it is used simply to arouse passion and to stir lust in young people, then it is dangerous and may do great harm. I have talked to many young men about it, and every Christian young man I know feels that he would much prefer that the girl he marries had not been kissed by other boys before marriage. The most intelligent and reverent and spiritual Christians feel that for young people to take liberties with each other's bodies makes love seem cheap, degenerates into simple animal passion. It often leads to adultery, and to ruin for the girl. Besides, a girl who allows boys to kiss her may keep herself from a happy marriage. The best young men do not want to marry a girl who is slightly soiled by too much handling; a girl who does not have the proper modesty, and has no reserve and respect for her body as the temple of the Holy Spirit of God. Many a girl has lost the respect of a boy by allowing him liberties to which he has no right until he is accepted as a husband.

And young people who kiss freely on dates usually go beyond kissing and do petting that is not proper except with husband and wife.

I do not think that young people mean harm by a light good night kiss, but I know they are on dangerous ground; and many have lived to regret that they took so lightly what God intended to be a holy matter, reserved for our dear mates to whom we give ourselves for a lifetime of happiness.

And marriage is much more likely to be a success and a constant joy, if both the man and the woman come to it with pure minds undefiled, and each can feel that the other has saved himself and herself wholly for his or her mate. Thus, there is absolute confidence, and all the experiences of marriage are sweet and precious, and love is not hindered by any jealousies or doubts or any shame about the past.

What God Calls His Own

Some of the names the Lord calls us, and adjectives by which He describes us, though we are black as the tent of Kedar, Song of Solomon 1:5:

My little children, I Jno. 2:1
Beloved, I John 3:1
Sons of God, I John 3:1
Daughters of Zion, Isaiah 4:4
Bride, Rev. 21:9
Wife, Rev. 21:9
Peculiar treasure, Exodus 19:5
Holy people, Deut. 14:2
Peculiar people, Deut. 14:2
Chosen, Rev. 17:14
Called, Rev. 17:14
My people, Psalm 50:7
Israel (after the new birth)
Psalm 50:7

Apple of His eye, Deut. 32:10
My sister, Song of Solomon 4:10
My spouse, Song of Solomon 4:10
My dove, Song of Solomon 2:14
My love, Song of Solomon 2:10
Lily of the valley, Song of Sol. 2:1
Roe or young hart, Song of Sol. 2:9
Salt of the earth, Matt. 5:13
My fair one, Song of Solomon 2:10
Pearl of great price, Matt. 13:46
Hidden treasure, Matt. 13:44
Fair as moon, Song of Sol. 6:10
Clear as sun, Song of Sol. 6:10
Prince's daughter, Song of Sol. 7:1
Kings and priests, Rev. 5:10
My sheep, John 10:27
Lively stones, I Peter 2:5
Rose of Sharon, Song of Sol. 2:1
Lily among thorns, Song of Sol. 2:2
In the cleft of rock, S of Sol. 2:14
Undefiled, Song of Solomon 5:2
Apple tree among the trees of the wood, Song of Solomon, 2:3
One in whom is no spot nor wrinkle, Ephesians 5:27
Jewels, Malachi 3:17
One in whom Jesus will be glorified, II Thess. 1:10
Saints, II Thess. 1:10
Little flock, Luke 12:32

Miss Reeves, a long valued friend, says:

"I have been thinking a great deal lately about how the Lord loves us and the many names and adjectives He uses in describing and designating us. I have received such a blessing that I have listed some of them and enclosing the list. Perhaps you may like to see it, or you may already have one."

Why I am a Christian

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of many mansions, with eternal blessedness, because I put my trust in Him. How much I gained when I trusted Christ to save me and give me everlasting life. I got a home in Heaven, and I look forward happily to seeing it and meeting my loved ones there.

III. I wanted peace of heart. I have learned that sin never does bring ease of conscience and peace of heart. I have just read in the paper where a man went back to Ashland, Kentucky, to confess a murder he had committed more than twenty-six years ago, when he was a seventeen year old boy. And he said, "I've lived in a burning Hell with my conscience for twenty-six years." It is wonderful to have peace with God, even on this earth before you die. I have seen the unrest of people who tried to be happy in the pleasures of sin. But I have found that their bodies were diseased, their homes were often broken, and there was an unrest, a dissatisfaction that always comes to people who go on away from God. And it gets worse the older you grow, if you are not saved. That is why even millionaires commit suicide. I have found soul-rest in Jesus, Who said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matt. 11:28-30).

IV. I wanted to be a blessing. I know that those who go on in sin

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In a very kindly letter dated March 5, Rev. A. J. Levingood, on the faculty of William Jennings Bryan University at Dayton, Tennessee, said:

"Thank you very much indeed for the complimentary copy of your book entitled 'Bobbed Hair, Bossy Wives, and Women Preachers.'

"I have carefully read the book, and with much interest. I feel it is a much needed contribution on a subject many pastors either ignorantly or deliberately pass by. Personally, I feel you are absolutely on Scriptural ground, and I praise God that you have been led to write on this subject.

"As a teacher of Bible here at Bryan University I have urged my students to read your book, and shall continue to recommend it wherever I go. May God bless its message to many of the members of the Church of God."

away from God are a curse to those they love best. The rich man in Hell cried out and asked Abraham to send Lazarus back to warn his five brothers still on earth (Luke 16:27, 28). He feared "lest they also come into this place of torment." How sad to be the ruin of others who love you! But everyone who is not saved in his youth leads other people to Hell. Even if one should be saved late in life, then his life is wasted and others will be influenced to reject Christ, to go on in sin, and eventually to be tormented forever in Hell.

V. Fifth, there are many reasons why I saw I needed to be saved WHILE YOUNG. I was converted when I was eight or nine years old at the First Baptist Church, Gainesville, Texas.

(1) There was the danger of wasting my life, which was so precious and which I could never live over again. I could never undo the wasted years. I wanted my life to count for good, so I turned to Christ early.

(2) I was afraid if I delayed and neglected my salvation my heart would become hardened, and I might never be saved. Neglect is the surest way to Hell. Everybody who is in Hell intended to be saved. I saw that I needed to be saved while I was young. God says, "Those that seek me early shall find me" (Prov. 8:17). And He said, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not" (Ecclesiastes 12:1). So, in youth I turned to the Lord, lest my heart should be hardened.

(3) I wanted to be saved before I should become enslaved by sin and reap sin's wages. I thank God that I never was drunk. I never smoked a half dozen cigarettes in my life. I never got a habit of cursing. I do not say that I have not been a bad sinner, for in my heart, I have. But, thank God, by being saved early I missed the enslaving power of sin, and I was spared so much of the heartbreak that the wages of sin brings to those who are not saved in youth.

(4) I realized that I might die at any time. Death comes as the unwelcome visitor, the unexpected guest to nearly everybody. Millions die and go to Hell who expected to live longer, and later to be saved. By being saved young I made sure of salvation. And I advise every other young person to do the same, for God has said, "Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts" (Heb. 3:7, 8). And He said, "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (II Cor. 6:2).

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